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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN ATTENDANCE AT NPT REVCON

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1. SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR (VON SCHIRNDING) INFORMED ME APRIL 29 THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REPRESENT SAG AT NPT REVCON AS AN OBSERVER AND ASKED FOR ADVICE WITH RESPECT TO PROCEDURES INVOLVED. DRAWING ON INFO CONTAINED REF A, I TOLD HIM IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PREPCOM HAD DECIDED THAT STATES WHICH HAD NEITHER SIGNED NOR RATIFIED TREATY, PROVIDED THEY HAD RIGHT TO BECOME PARTY TO TREATY PURSUANT ARTICLE IX, COULD BE ACCORDED OBSERVER STATUS BY DECISION OF CONFERENCE.

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I SUGGESTED AS FIRST STEP THAT SYG PASTINNEN BE

INFORMED IMMEDIATELY OF SAG INTENTIONS AND SECONDLY THAT SA MISSIONS HERE AND IN GENEVA COMMENCE LOBBYING EFFORTS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS, BEARING IN MIND THAT CONFERENCE APPROVAL OBSERVER STATUS MIGHT FACE TOUGH SLEDDING.

2. SAG DECISION WHICH, ACCORDING TO VON SCHIRNDING, WAS PROMPTED BY ROUX WHILE ATTENDING RECENT EUROPEAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY MEETING IN PARIS, IS MOST WELCOME DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING SA AND NPT AND SHOULD BE STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY USG. CONSIDERING IMPLICATIONS FOR NPT, EVEN SOVIETS (AND THEIR EE COLLEAGUES) MIGHT BE PERSUADED NOT TO OPPOSE SA OBSERVER STATUS. AT SOCIAL EVENT P.M. APRIL 29, I INFORMED USSR AMB. ARKADIEV (AT VON SCHIRNDING'S SUGGESTION) OF SA'S INTENTION, POINTING OUT THAT THIS IS FIRST ENCOURAGING SIGN FROM VON SCHIRNDING'S EFFORTS TO PERSUADE HIS GOVERNMENT TO JOIN NPT. ARKADIEV NODDED AND OBSERVED THAT ITALIAN RATIFICATION HAS REVIVED MOMENTUM FOR TREATY AND IMPROVED OUTLOOK FOR REVCON. LABOWITZ

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